

SA500970

Fine and Early Ormolu and Porcelain Clock ~ Cherubs

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA500970****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 29 cm (11.4")

Width = 41 cm (16.1")

Depth = 14 cm (5.5")

Description

~ French - Circa 1840 ~ ~ Excellent condition, fully overhauled ~ ~ A fine and early clock featuring the most charming cherubs, modelled in fire gilded bronze (bronze doré). To the base are a pair of exquisitely painted porcelain panels also featuring cherubs. The clock was retailed by the famous Howell James and Company of Regent Street London. The gilding is in lovely original condition with a colour and finish that can only be achieved with mercury gilding. The bronze work is heavy but beautifully light in design with a fine crispness. The bronze is frequently marked J. D. The serial number of the clock is on the porcelain, case and pendulum. The dial is porcelain enamel on copper with convex glass and gilded hobnail bezel. It is signed for Howell et Cie Paris. The firm Howell and James was founded in 1819 by James Howell and Isaac James who were originally silk mercers and retail jewellers. The company had premises at 5, 7 and 9 Regent Street and was noted for the variety and quality of its stock. In 1838 James left the business and the partnership then became known as Howell James & Co. The French movement is of high quality and is in excellent clean and running ...

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